



Helpline Enquiries

Training as a Pilot

Enquiry

One of our student's in Year 12 is studying A Levels in Business, DT and Maths. He would love to be a pilot but doesn't think his maths / physics are good enough. What routes are there into becoming a pilot?

Our reply

Much will depend on the student having the right aptitudes and meeting certain medical criteria to be able to train as a Pilot. At present all airline careers are affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the student will need to be aware that the airlines will take some time to recover and start recruiting again. There are different ways of training to become an Airline Pilot and they are all expensive. Due to the costs involved we recommend that students with no or little flying experience take the test by the [Honourable Company of Air Pilots](#) to ensure they have the right aptitudes before they embark.

Annually there is an Pilot Careers Live event held in [London](#) for students keen to learn more about training as a Pilot. At present it is still scheduled for November, but given the current situation this is subject to change.

Training can be via:

- A university course
- Applying directly to airlines for a trainee/apprenticeship scheme
- Specialist courses run by private training organisations

For more detailed information please see:

British Airline Pilots Association [The Inside Track](#)

The information provided by [UCAS](#) is also helpful.

Some of the university degrees that involve Pilot training are Aeronautical Engineering which will require A Levels in Maths and Physics but there are a few others such as Aviation Management and Air Transport Management for which the student may meet the entry requirements (there are additional fees on top of the tuition fees).

For example:

Buckinghamshire New University: [Air Transport with Commercial Pilot Training](#)

Kingston University: [Aviation Operations with Commercial Pilot Training](#)

We have assumed it is an Airline Pilot the student is aiming for – but there is also [Helicopter Pilot](#) and Armed Forces Pilot to consider too (see Army, Navy and RAF websites respectively for entry routes and requirements).